Additional Funds for Implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes in UP

5916. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh has sought additional funds for implementation of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision of the Central Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (c) The Government of Uttar Pradesh has reported 'that it had sought Rs. 280.22 crores as additional funds during 1994-95 from the various Central Ministries for implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the State. The Ministries, so far, reported to have released Rs. 5.57 crores.

Initiatives for Improving. Coverage and Quality of Social Statistics

5917. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Statistics has taken any fresh initiatives for improving the coverage and quality of social statistics; and

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) and (b) To make available time series data on various indicators on different areas of social concerns, a regular publication entitled "Selected Socio-Economic Statistics for India" is being brought out. The latest issue of the publication pertains to the year 1993. Total number of indicators included in the publication has increased from 46 in 1987 to 77 in 1993.

In view of the increasing importance of gender specific statistics, within the realm of social statistics, a draft booklet "Women & Men in India, 1995" has been prepared on the basis of available time series data.

The National Sample Survey Organisation, (NSSO), under the Department of Statistics, regulaily collects data on employment-unemployment, literacy, housing conditions, etc., through NSS-Socio-Economic Surveys. Initiatives have also been taken to collect information on newer areas of concerns *e.g.,* gender issues, problem of weaker sections, ageing, maternal and child health, etc.

People Below Poverty Line in Punjab

5918. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of persons identified living below the poverty line in

the country particularly in the Punjab State at the end of the year 1993;

(b) the action taken by Government to bring them above the poverty line during 1994; and

(c) the number of persons brought above the poverty line during 1991-92 and 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) to (c) The Planning Commission estimates state-wise number of persons below poverty line on the basis of quinquennial survey on household consumer expenditure conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisation. - The latest estimates of poverty are based on the quinquennial survey held in 1987-88. In 1987-88, 2376.7 lakh person were below poverty line in the country and 13.9 lakh persons were below poverty line in Punjab. Comparable estimates for later years are not available. A number of programmes are being implemented in order to improve the quality of life of the poor households. Of these, Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) , Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM), Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA), Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Employment Assurance Scheme (EAS), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and Desert Development Programmes (DDP) are being continued. These programmes enable the poor to meet their specific needs, raise their income and levels of living.

Industrial Development in Punjab

5919. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any schemes have been formulated to accelerate industrial development of the Punjab State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and central aid provided to the State for the year 1995-96;

(c) whether the schemes have been approved and implemented in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is enclosed. *(See* below).

(c) and (d) The schemes have been formulated and included in the Annual Plan 1995-96 by the Punjab Government. These were discussed with the State Government and the outlays were approved.